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OPEN THE DOOR! WE'D LIKE TO TALK TO YOU!
MAYBE THEY'RE OUT?
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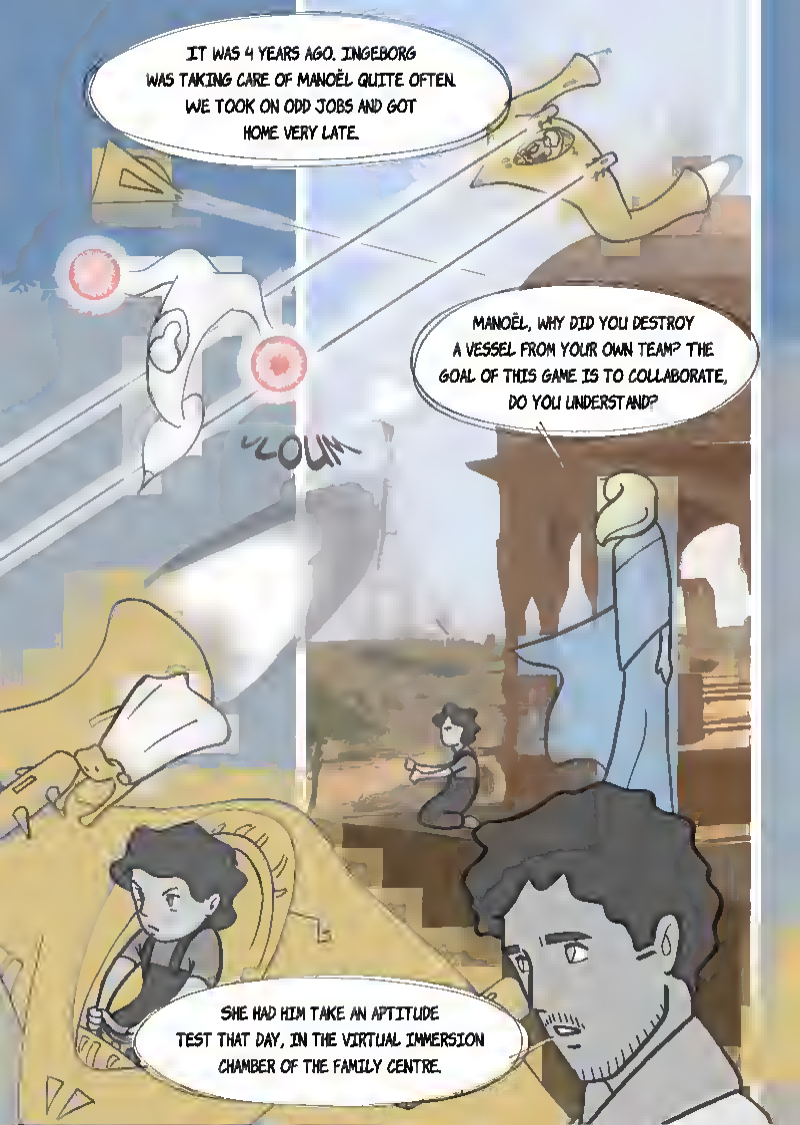
MANOËL IS WITH US AND WE WOULD LIKE TO UNDERSTAND WHAT HAPPENED
COME IN, BUT WITHOUT THE KID!

THE KID IS STAYING OUTSIDE, RIGHT?
I'M HIS FATHER, WHAT DO YOU WANT?!

A little later...
WE JUST WEREN'T ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF MANOËL; IT'S TOO LATE NOW...
IT SEEMS MORE THAT YOU DON'T CARE MUCH ABOUT HIM!
HOW DID YOU END UP DOING THIS?
IT WASN'T AN EASY DECISION, BELIEVE ME. WE MISS MANOËL EVERY SINGLE DAY.
BUT WE AND INGEBORG THOUGHT IT WAS THE BEST SOLUTION FOR HIM.
INGEBORG?!


IT WAS 4 YEARS AGO. INGEBORG WAS TAKING CARE OF MANOËL QUITE OFTEN. WE TOOK ON ODD JOBS AND GOT HOME VERY LATE.
MANOËL, WHY DID YOU DESTROY A VESSEL FROM YOUR OWN TEAM? THE GOAL OF THIS GAME IS TO COLLABORATE, DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
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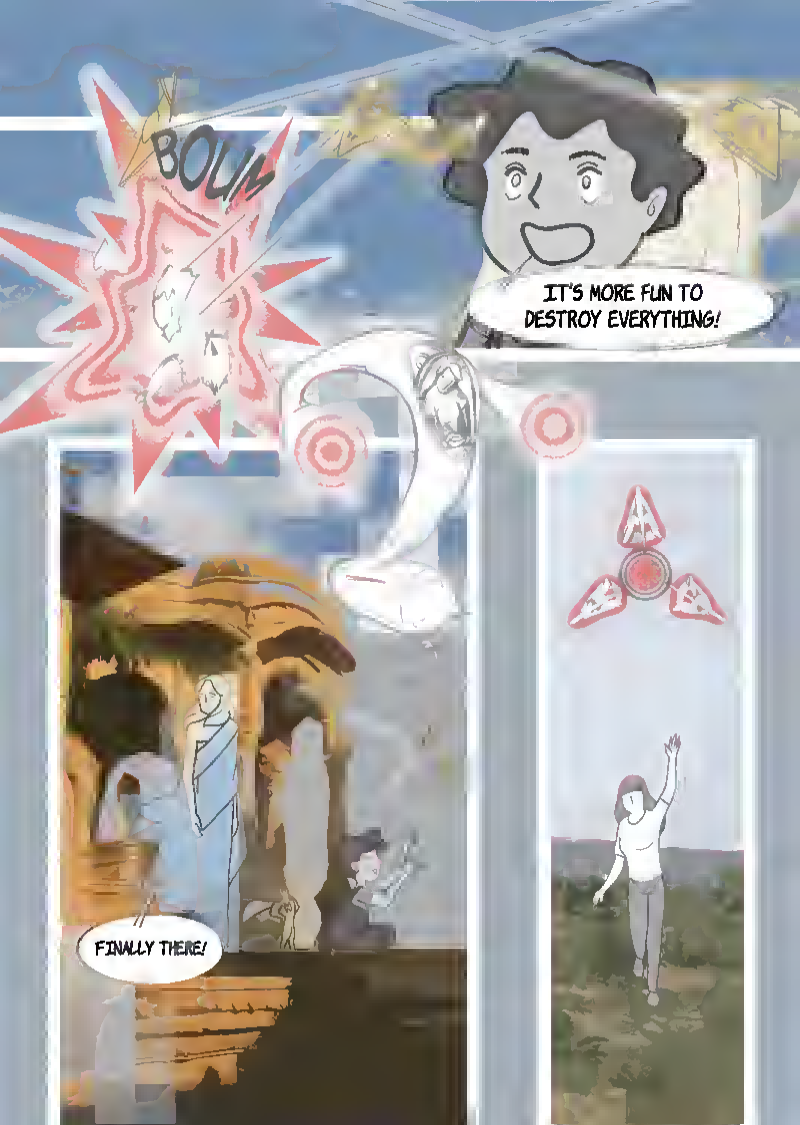
SHE HAD HIM TAKE AN APTITUDE TEST THAT DAY, IN THE VIRTUAL IMMERSION CHAMBER OF THE FAMILY CENTRE.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IT'S MORE FUN TO DESTROY EVERYTHING!
FINALLY THERE!

THEY'RE ALL ATTACKING ME!
I KNOW THAT YOU AND YOUR HUSBAND ARE DOING YOUR BEST, BUT MANOËL'S RESULTS ARE WORRYING
HE'LL HAVE TREMENDOUS DIFFICULTIES AS AN ADULT IF HE DOESN'T CHANGE HIS BEHAVIOUR. HE DOESN'T COOPERATE AND DOES EXACTLY AS HE PLEASES. I GIVE YOU THIS ADVICE IN YOURS AND MANOËL'S BEST INTERESTS...
INGEBORG THEN SUGGESTED TAKING CUSTODY OF MANOËL. SHE'D HAVE MORE TIME FOR HIM AND COULD PROVIDE A BETTER EDUCATION...

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LISTEN TO ME, THIS IS IMPORTANT.
I'M GOING TO BE ABSENT FOR A FEW DAYS SO THAT I CAN SPEND SOME TIME ALONE WITH YOUR FATHER. INGEBORG WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU. PROMISE ME THAT YOU WILL BE NICE!
WE THEN FOLLOWED INGEBORG'S ADVICE. WE NEVER SAW MANOËL AGAIN, AND NEVER COULD RECOVER FROM THIS SEPARATION.

HE COULD SUCCEED IN LIFE BETTER THAN US, STUDY IN HIGHER EDUCATION AND BETTER EARN HIS LIVING.
THIS IS PATHETIC! ARE YOU ADULTS OR WHAT?!
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND; NOBODY IS HELPING US! WE'RE CONSTANTLY BEING TOLD THAT THINGS WILL IMPROVE, BUT NOTHING CONCRETE CHANGES FOR PEOPLE LIKE US! INGEBORG AT LEAST IS THERE FOR MANOËL, SHE'S HIS BEST HOPE!

HIS BEST HOPE?! LOOK AT YOU! DON'T YOU SEE THAT INGEBORG IS USING YOU? IF SHE'S MESSED UP YOUR LIVES, WHY WOULD SHE DO ANY BETTER WITH MANOËL'S?
IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO GET YOUR SON BACK AND SHOW INGEBORG SHE WAS WRONG!
FORGET IT, YOU'RE ALL LOSERS!!
MANOËL!!
MANOËL...

WHAT HAVE WE DONE?
HOW DID WE GET THERE?
THESE GIRLS DON'T UNDERSTAND WE HAD THE SAME HOPES AT THEIR AGE.
MANOËL IS IN GOOD HANDS. INGEBORG WILL GET HIM BACK.

MANOËL!
WHERE IS HE GONE?
TELL ME WE DIDN'T LOSE HIM?!
I'VE HAD ENOUGH, I'M LETTING IT DROP!

YOU CAN'T SAY THAT!
YOU WERE RIGHT; INGEBORG ISN'T HONEST WITH US.
WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT...

IT WAS A BAD IDEA;
WE SHOULD STOP THIS NOW AND HOPE MANOËL FORGETS IT.
YOU'LL JUST GET A WARNING.
ME, I WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO A CRAPPY SCHOOL.
YOU DON'T SERIOUSLY THINK SO, KIRSTEN?! MAYBE YOU DON'T GIVE A SHIT ABOUT ME AND MY IDEAS, BUT YOU WANTED TO HELP MANOËL! WE BOTH WANT THE SAME THING, REMEMBER?
YOU AND YOUR DELUSIONS OF GRANDEUR! I SIMPLY WANTED TO HELP MANOËL, BUT YOU, YOU JUST WANTED ATTENTION. I DON'T WANT TO HEAR YOUR TWISTED IDEAS ANYMORE!

in parliament...
HAS PRESIDENT IWONA SHARED HER PLANS REGARDING INGEBORG WITH YOU?
SADLY NOT. SHE RARELY SHARES ANY OF HER THOUGHTS...
I SEE... DO EVERYTHING YOU CAN TO LEARN MORE. YOU UNDERSTAND THAT WE MUST AVOID A NEW ECONOMIC CRISIS AT ALL COST.
BUT WE CAN'T KEEP INGEBORG IF SHE DOESN'T FULFILL HER MISSION!
OUR CITIZENS NEED GUIDANCE. IF THEY LOSE INGEBORG, WHO KNOWS WHAT THEY WILL DO.
OUR ROLE IS TO RESPOND TO THE REQUESTS OF OUR ELECTORS. IF A CHANGE HAS TO HAPPEN, IT HAS TO COME FROM THEM, NOT FROM AN OLD LADY IN HER IVORY TOWER!
HUGE ECONOMIC INTERESTS ARE AT PLAY. OUR PARTNERS ARE EXPECTING TANGIBLE RESULTS FROM US. IF WE OFFER THEM ENOUGH GUARANTEES ON ECONOMIC STABILITY, WE'LL BE IN A GOOD POSITION TO REQUIRE INGEBORG'S FAILURES TO BE ADDRESSED...
I UNDERSTAND